

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

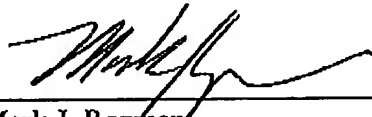
Claim 16 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 17, indicated to include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 16 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable.

Claim 23 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 26, indicated to include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 23 and its dependent claims are patentable.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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